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SUBJECT: EC FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS WITH EAST EUROPEANS

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1. NEGOTIATIONS WITH POLAND AND GDR: EC COMMISSION
OFFICIAL (FARNELL) WHO WAS INVOLVED IN LAST WEEK'S FISHERY
TALKS WITH THE USSR HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN THE EC AND POLAND WILL BEGIN FEBRUARY 23 IN
BRUSSELS. HE SAID THE COMMISSION NOW EXPECTS THAT
FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GDR WILL BEGIN NEXT
WEEK.

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2. A SOURCE IN THE FRG PERMDEL SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US
THAT THE ISSUE OF THE BERLIN CLAUSE WILL ALSO BE IN PLAY
IN THE EC/POLAND NEGOTIATIONS, AND WITH THE POLISH TALKS
STARTING THE 23RD, HE IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY UNEASY
ABOUT LACK OF GUIDANCE FROM BONN. THE EC/GDR TALKS,
HE CONTINUED, PRESENT ANOTHER PROBLEM IN VIEW OF THE

"ALL-GERMAN" ASPECT OF GDR FISHERMEN IN FRG WATERS. THIS WILL REQUIRE SOME FURTHER THOUGHT IN BONN AND HE IS THEREFORE REQUESTING THE UK PRESIDENCY TO POSTPONE TALKS WITH THE GDR BEYOND NEXT WEEK.

3 SOVIET TLAKS: REFERRING TO THE SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS, FARNELL SAID THAT DURING THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS, DUE TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 28, THE EC WILL PUSH FIRST FOR CONCLUSION OF A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT, LEAVING UNRESOLVED, FOR THE MOMENT, THE QUESTION OF POST-MARCH 31 FISHING QUOTAS. HE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH THE RUSSIANS ARE ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS QUOTAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THEY APPEAR TO REALIZE THAT THERE IS NO POINT IN PUSHING EITHER THE COMMISSION OR THE UK PRESIDENCY UNTIL AFTER THE EC COUNCIL HAS TAKEN A DECISION ON THIS POINT.

4. OUR FRG PERMDEL SOURCE COMMENTED THAT THE PRINCIPAL ISSUES IN NEXT WEEK'S TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS WILL BE ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES AND BERLIN APPLICABILITY. RE ARBITRATION, HE SAID THAT THE MEMBER STATES FAVOR IT, THE COMMISSION IS READY TO DROP IT ("CHASTENED BY ITS EXPERIENCE IN NEGOTIATING THE US/EC GIFA," HE OBSERVED) AND THE SOVIETS WILL PREDICTABLY OPPOSE. HE THOUGHT THAT IN THE END THE EC WOULD CONCEDE. ON THE BERLIN CLAUSE, HE IS AGAIN WAITING FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN, BUT IN EXPLAINING THE RATIONALE FOR FRG'S POSITION, HE CAME DOWN HEAVILY ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PRECEDENT IN DEALING WITH THE EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES AND EQUALLY ON FOREIGN MINISTER GENCHER'S INSISTENCE ON COMPLETE EXPLICITNESS
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WITH REGARD TO BERLIN.

5. US/EC GIFA: FARNELL CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT THE USG'S GIFA WAS RAPIDLY BECOMING THE MODEL FOR EC FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS IN GENERAL. MORRIS

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